(b) whether Government are aware of the people's anger and the hurt sentiments due to such demolitions in Ayodhya (U.P.); and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to stop further demolition of temples in U.P. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) Maintenance of Public Order is a State subject. The State Government of U.P. has informed that after the idol of Hanuman was removed voluntarily by the Mahant the structure of Sankat Mochan Temple was removed.

Lathi charge in Jama Masjid area

952. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ordered any enquiry to investigate into the reported lathi-charge in Jama Masjid area on Delhi in the 6th April, 1992;

(b) if so, the findings thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a police officer of the rank of Additional DCP entered the Jama Masjid in an "inebriated state"; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the police officer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (d) Additional Commissioner of Police, Northern Range, is enquiring into the matter.

Compentation for the death of students in police firing in Delhi

953. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have paid any compensation to the kin of the students killed in police firing during anti-Mandal agitations in Delhi during the period August—December, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any police officer was found guilty in the above incidents; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the police officer who reportedly fired on Shri Aditya Narayan in Sarojini Nagar on the 25th September, 1990 resulting in his death on the 14th October, 1990 in Safdarjang Hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following the directions of the High Court, an amount of Rs. 2.5 lakhs has been paid to the next of the kin of Sh. Aditya Narayan Sharma and Rs. 50,000 to the next of the kin of Sh. Devender Kumar Sharma, both of whom had died as a result of the police firing in anti-Mandal agitation in Delhi in September, 1990.

(c) and (d) In the case relating to death of Sh. Devender Kumar Sharma, the High Court held that the Delhi Police had failed to make adequate arrangements to aid and assist the wounded. The lifting of Sh. Sharma after his injury by the police has been severely criticised by the High Court. The Court held that there was excessive force by the police. The High Court held that they had no reason to hold that the action of the police in resorting to firing was a delebrate and vindictive act. In the case relating to the death of Sh. A. N. Sharma, the Court held that the firing was unwarranted. The matter is under examination to fix responsibility on individual police officers(s) who may have been responsible for lapses or excessive use of force.

Rape of girls in Orphanage

954. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which